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SUBJECT: NORTHERN GREEK REACTION TO WELCH ASSASSINATION

REF: THESSALONIKI 705

1. WELCH ASSASSINATION CONTINUED TO DOMINATE FRONT PAGES THESSALONIKI PRESS DEC 25. IN ABSENCE OF HARD NEWS, PAPERS SPECULATED ON IDENTITY AND MOTIVATION OF KILLERS. REPRESENTATIVE HEADLINES INCLUDED "THE CULPRITS ARE FOREIGN AGENTS, POSSIBLY ALSO AMERICANS, SETTLING OF SCORES BETWEEN SPIES" (MAKEDONIA); AND "FOREIGN GUNMEN THE ASSASSINS OF CIA CHIEF IN ATHENS, CONSPIRACY WITH THREE BULLETS AND DOUBLE TARGET: GREECE AND KARAMANLIS" (ELLINIKOS VORRAS). STORIES WERE COLLECTIONS OF RUMORS AND SPECULATIONS WHICH DID NOT SUPPORT HEADLINES. MAKEDONIA ALLEGED UNSPECIFIED CONNECTION BETWEEN WELCH ASSASSINATION AND "UNEXPECTED APPEARANCE IN ATHENS OF THE RENOWNED JAMES POTTS, CHIEF OF CIA IN ATHENS DURING THE DICTATORSHIP."

2. GREEK SECURITY FORCES CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ENHANCED SECURITY FOR CONSULATE AND RESIDENCES OF JUSMAGG LIAISON OFFICER AND BPAO. FOLLOW CARS HAVE ALSO BEEN

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ASSIGNED TO ME AND JUSMAGG LIAISON OFFICER, AND POLICE

OFFICER IS ACCOMPANYING BPAO IN HIS CAR. COONY

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